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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICAN TEACHING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

REF: MEXICO 1612 (NOTAL), STATE 29900 (NOTAL)

1. OFFICERS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN TEACHING FELLOWSHIP

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PROGRAM OF THE FLETCHER SCHOOL HAVE RECENTLY APPROACHED

U.S. EMBASSIES IN LATIN AMERICA SEEKING ENDORSEMENTS FOR
LATF'S PROPOSED EXPANSION INTO THE FAR EAST.

2. LATF WAS INITIALLY FUNDED BY THE FORD FOUNDATION,
RECEIVED SUBSTANTIAL AID FUNDING TO BUILD UP ITS
ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE, AND FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS HAS
RECEIVED GRANTS FROM CU TO SUPPORT CERTAIN SPECIFIC U.S.
JUNIOR LECTURER GRANTEES IN LATIN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES
WHERE THEY RESPONDED TO POST OR COMMISSION REQUESTS. LATF
IS NOW PROPOSING TO AID THAT AID ASSIST IT IN LAUNCHING
OPERATIONS IN THE FAR EAST. AID HAS MADE A TEN THOUSAND
DOLLAR GRANT FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY, WHICH, IF SATISFACTORY
WILL LEAD TO A 180,000 DOLLAR TWO-YEAR PILOT PROJECT.
STATE 29900 - AIDAC TO ACTION ADDRESSEES OUTLINES AID'S
INTEREST IN THIS PROJECT. CU/NEA AND CU/EA DO NOT PLAN TO
AUTHORIZE CU FUNDING FOR LATF GRANTEES IN THEIR AREAS. IF
APPROACHED FOR SUPPORT, CAO'S SHOULD SO INFORM LATF REPS.

3. LATF'S PROMOTIONAL ENERGY OCCASIONALLY EXCEEDS ITS
JUDGMENT. ON THIS, AS ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, THE DEPT.
HAS INFORMED LATF THAT LOBBYING OUR EMBASSIES AND
AMBASSADORS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS IS INAPPROPRIATE AT BEST.
INFO ADDRESSEE MISSIONS SHOULD BE GUIDED BY ESTABLISHED
POLICY ON ENDORSEMENTS IF APPROACHED WITH REQUESTS FOR
RECOMMENDATIONS. INGERSOLL

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